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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/30/26 **Bill Number:** SM0015 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**

Short Title: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE TASK FORCE

Sponsor: Sen. Campos

Name and Code Number: HCA 630

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$0	-	-

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This memorial asks New Mexico’s Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, Department of Health, and Health Care Authority to participate in a task force to study the state’s medical malpractice system, with the goal of identifying problems and recommending solutions that balance patient protections with the need to attract and retain health care providers. It cites rising malpractice insurance premiums, low reimbursement rates, and a severe provider shortage as key concerns, while reaffirming the importance of the Medical Malpractice Act for patient safety and accountability. The task force would include a broad mix of stakeholders such as patient advocates, health care providers, insurance industry representatives, and state officials and would be required to report its findings and recommendations to legislative committees by December 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The HCA Secretary will perform the duties necessary as a member of the task force.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

None